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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Jody Powell, Friday, 25 March 1977
at 11:30 a.m.

Represented at the meeting were NSC staff, Office of Telecommunications Policy, and others.

It was made clear that no decision had been taken on the way in which the White House would respond to the Washington Post investigations in the area of Soviet electronic interception in the U.S., and whether the Press Secretary would issue a statement pegged to the work of the Inter-Agency Committee or wait to comment on an article when published.

Powell is reasonably confident that the Washington Post will give him some advance notice of the article being published. Any decision on White House press handling will be coordinated with all concerned agencies. I supported the option of having an OTP official, probably [redacted] refer to the work of the Inter-Agency Committee (which is charged with making a report to the President by June) in a low-key manner in an appropriate public address; the fact, timing and manner of such an announcement would also be coordinated in advance.

All notes, Q&A's, and draft statements prepared in connection with this meeting were declared to have no official standing; available copies were destroyed, and participants in the meeting were cautioned to maintain the confidentiality of this morning's discussion.

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